



# Flint Hills Job Corps

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# What is Job Corps?

- Flint Hills Job Corps is located in Manhattan, KS.
- A year-round residential training program with a 45-year history of success in training 6 million youth.
- Job Corps is a federally funded program that provides training opportunities for high-risk, low-income youth and young adults between the ages of 16 and 24.

- Job Corps employs a holistic career development training approach which integrates the teaching of academic, vocational, employability skills and social competencies through a combination of classroom, practical and work-based learning experiences to prepare youth for stable, long-term, high-paying jobs.
- Job Corps provides students with job placement assistance prior to graduating the program.

# Education for Success

## ➤ Educational Opportunities

- Manhattan Alternative High School on-site
- GED Preparation classes
- Driver's Education

## ➤ Partnerships

- Manhattan Area Technical College
- Cloud County Community College
- Flint Hills Technical College

# Career Technical Training

- Health Occupations
- Security/Law Enforcement
- Culinary Arts
- Construction
  - Carpentry
  - Cement Masonry
  - Facilities Maintenance
  - Plumbing
  - Construction Craft Laborer

# Kansas Park Trust Partnership

- The proposal is designed to meet three primary objectives:
  - To provide at-risk youth within the state of Kansas training in the areas of construction and weatherization.
  - To assist these youth with the identification and removal of employment barriers that may have hindered employment.
  - To provide these youth long-term employment opportunities resulting in them being productive tax-paying citizens.

# Kansas Park Trust Partnership

- Once students have completed training in a construction field they now have the opportunity to apply for additional training provided by Kansas Building Science Institute (KBSI) located in Manhattan, KS.
- The costs for this training would be covered by funds established in Kansas Park Trust.

# KBSI Training

- Kansas Building Science Institute (KBSI) was founded in 1996 to provide building science and energy performance training for weatherization, home energy rating, utility, and building trades.
- KBSI conducts home energy rater certification training accredited by the Residential Energy Services Network.
- Flint Hills students would enroll in the Weatherization Inspector/Auditor Training program.



# Weatherization Inspector/Auditor Training Program

- This course prepares the weatherization professional to conduct comprehensive inspection and diagnostic analysis of a home using state-of-the-art diagnostic tools.
- This course provides a sound knowledge of building science principals, basic blower door air leakage testing and combustion appliance inspection procedures.

➤ This is an intensive, two-week training course that can be taken in four modules:

- Module One: Basic Auditor, five days
- Module Two: Inspecting Combustion Heating Systems, two days
- Module Three: Inspecting Mobile Homes, two days
- Module Four: Lead-Safe Weatherization, one day

- Upon completion students will receive a certificate of their training achievements. Kansas Park Trust will then disperse funds directly to KBSI to cover the cost of the program
- KBSI does offer several other courses related to weatherization, home energy and energy performance training. Students who demonstrate the desire and ability could apply through the Trust for additional training funds to continue their education.

- Flint Hills Job Corps is currently working with the Kansas Housing Corporation to assist students in job placement upon completion of all required training.
- The Kansas Housing Corporation has received additional funding through the recent stimulus package for the use of weatherizing homes throughout Kansas.
- It would be our intent to work with construction contractors who are contracted by the Kansas Housing Corporation in these weatherized projects for job placement of these students.

- This program partnership will allow at-risk youth the opportunity to gain valuable skills and knowledge that they may not have been able to obtain otherwise.
- The training these students receive is in high demand and is in a high growth industry.
- After successful completion of this program FHJCC students will be able to obtain long-term employment in this high growth industry.